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LAWRENCE SAYS EXPECT ANOTHER HOOPER

Statement Paves Way for
Judgment of Republican
Party on Its Merits—Nomi-
nation by Democrats Slight.

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WASHINGTON, April 2.—Herbert Hoover has disclosed the conditions under which he would accept the Republican ticket and the circumstances under which he would accept the presidential nomination if offered to him. This is not a surprise but a logical first move toward the effective use of the name and personality of Herbert Hoover to crush not merely the professional politicians in both Republican and Democratic parties, but to prevent the two parties from adopting either an extreme reactionary or extreme radical viewpoint in their respective platforms.

There is another move coming. It will probably make it clear just why Hoover is not a Democrat. A Democratic nomination if offered to him, after that may come another step—an announcement that the Hoover party does not adopt "a forward looking, liberal, constructive platform on the liberal thought of the country and a willingness to support a third and independent ticket."

This part of the program is not yet admitted by Hoover supporters, but in the event that the Republican convention does not adopt "a forward looking, liberal, constructive platform on the liberal thought of the country and a willingness to support a third and independent ticket," or if it fails to propose "measures for sound business administration of the country" and is either "reactionary" or "radical in its approach to our great domestic problems," or if it is "backed by men who undoubtedly assure the consummation of these policies and measures," Mr. Hoover will not support the Republican ticket. He says nobody has a right to dictate what a party shall do, but an individual has a right to say what ticket or platform he will support. So Mr. Hoover has paved the way for a judgment of the Republican convention upon its merits and not by reason of any previous obligation to support a party with which he is "naturally affiliated." He is free to accept or reject the Republican platform or nominee so far as his individual support is concerned. Not a Democrat.

Would that mean the selection of Mr. Hoover a week later by the Democratic convention at San Francisco? The chances are against it. Mr. Hoover is not a Democrat even though he supported Mr. Wilson's appeal in 1918 for a Democratic congress. He will apply to the Democratic platform and nominee the same test he has outlined for the Republican platform.

The Democrats already have been in power for seven years, and those who are in position to know Herbert Hoover's mind intimately say he is disappointed with the way the Democrats have administered the government in those seven years. He refers to incompetency in high quarters and is unable to understand how the Democrats have any right to call themselves "forward looking" or "progressive" when President Wilson repeatedly ignored not merely the overwhelming sentiment of the Democrats of the country expressed to him by Democratic Chairman Homer Cummings, but the demand of nonpartisans that Postmaster-General Burleson be removed from office.

Another thing, Mr. Hoover is a dry—a thorough dry. He looks askance at the wet inclinations of the Democrats. Though he may have views upon certain amendments to the Volstead act which would make the law less offensive to individual liberty, he has not any leanings toward the wet side of the argument. He thinks prohibition is a good thing, and that national efficiency will be promoted by its enforcement.

Favors Treaty Compromise.
Mr. Hoover's declarations on the treaty show that he does not approve of President Wilson's uncompromising position, and in his letter to Mr. Gregory of San Francisco just made public the former food administrator practically draws himself away from what he calls the president's "extreme view of participation in European affairs."

This is even more clearly emphasized in the letter written by Mr. Hoover in Paris a year ago which was "indiscreetly" made public 10 days ago. Mr. Hoover is neither President Wilson's choice nor in the good graces of the White House. He has committed the unpardonable sin of differing with the president on the peace treaty. He has been, of course, supported by the leading administration newspapers and by some influential administration men. But that support has not been of his seeking.

Nevertheless, there was keen gratification in White House quarters today because of the fact that Herbert Hoover had entered himself in the Republican primaries of California on the league of nations issue. This means he will fight it out against Hiram Johnson, who wants neither league, nor treaty, nor reservations. Politically, this part of the Hoover letter is the most important. It means that Hiram Johnson will probably lose in his own home state. For, under California laws, anybody can vote in either Republican or Democratic primaries without regard to previous affiliation. So Democrats can vote for Hoover. A combination of Democrats who favor the league and Republicans who think likewise is enough to defeat Hiram Johnson.

Many of the supporters of avowed

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Democratic nominees, like Palmer and McAdoo, were also Hoover and written a letter saying he was "naturally affiliated" with the Republicans. This removes their most dangerous competition—at least, they think he has been removed.

But the most significant fact of the whole business is what is happening under the surface in both parties—namely a demand for Hoover irrespective of party.

People Favor Hoover.

Here is something that shows which way the wind blows: Several members of congress who have been "back home" sounding out their constituents have come back to Washington. A man who went to Tennessee in the interest of the McAdoo candidacy came back with the story that the Democrats want Hoover. A man who went to California for Hiram Johnson is back with a confidential report that "it's all Hoover in California." A man who knows the situation in Minnesota and is himself supporting another candidate says scores of newspapers are coming out for Hoover. Only one returning observer—a member of congress who looked into the situation in North Dakota for his own candidate says the "Nonpartisan League" is against Hoover.

The burden of the tales brought back is that the nation is sick and tired of the political maneuvering of both parties and that the effect of the failure of the treaty in the senate is to hold present office-holders responsible, for being guided by politics rather than the national interests.

That is something independent newspapers throughout the country have been telling congress for many weeks, but the truth is only now being realized. And the name of Herbert Hoover has been seized upon as the one means of expressing the resentment of the country against both the Republican and Democratic machines in the government.

The professional politicians in the Republican party are already ridiculing Mr. Hoover's announced appeal for a liberal platform and progressive nomination at the Republican convention. The Democratic politicians have been doing it at the mention of Mr. Hoover's name for their ticket. This will not hurt Mr. Hoover's prestige, but help it, for the friends of Mr. Hoover would like nothing better than a denunciation of Mr. Hoover by the reactionary elements in both the Democratic and Republican parties, for they believe this will not affect the rank and file who are ready to support a progressive leader. On the contrary, they are sure it will mean millions of independent votes no matter on what ticket Mr. Hoover eventually makes the race. (Copyright, 1920, by David Lawrence.)

IMPORTANT PROGRAM FOR LEAGUE MEET

Will Meet in Rome April 27.
At Brussels on May 2.

WASHINGTON, April 2.—A full and important program will confront the council of the league of nations when it assembles in Rome, April 27. Included in the matters scheduled to be discussed, it was learned here today, are such questions as the approval of the temporary organization already effected by the secretariat of the league; the method of financing that body and its accounting; regulation of admission of new states; repatriation of German and Austrian prisoners of war now in Siberia; traffic in women and children; disposition of the work of the Washington labor conference; adoption of rules of procedure; and finally, the work of the commission which is to draw plans for the organization of the international supreme court.

The organizing committee for the court has been at work and has noted acceptances from Lord Phillimore of England; Baron Des Camps, of Belgium; Mr. Loder and Mr. Venetich, of Yugoslavia, as well as from Elihu Root for America.

Following the Rome conference, the council will assemble May 2 in Brussels to deal with international finances, including exchange and other economic matters. America has been invited to participate but has declined.

WINDS DAMAGE TRUCK IN SOUTH MISSISSIPPI

CRYSTAL SPRINGS, Miss., April 2. (Sp.)—Word reached here late Wednesday afternoon that a heavy windstorm had passed over the country between this place and Hazlehurst carrying trees, fences and cold frame covers before it and doing a great deal of

damage. No lives were reported lost or cattle killed, but many fences were

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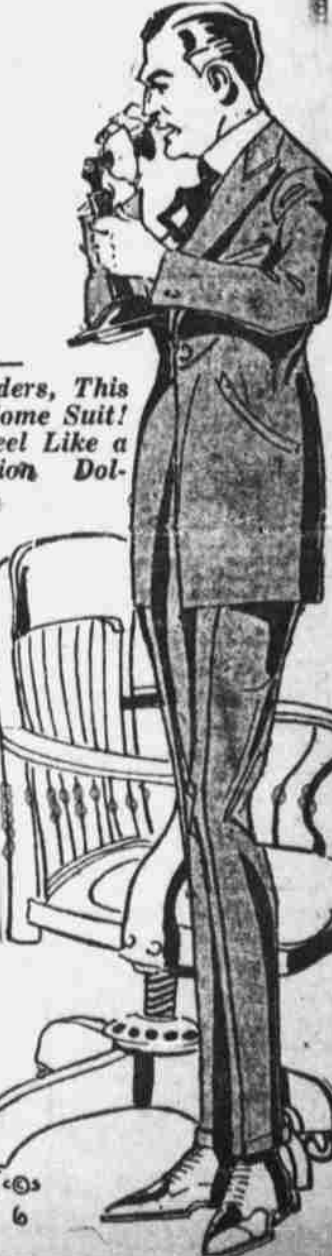


Millinery

Every woman wants a new Easter bonnet—and why shouldn't she? Easter is the logical time to want new things. All nature is taking on a new mantle of life and loveliness. Millinery is the very climax of style expression—the one article of apparel that must be in style or her entire costume is out of harmony with this joyous season. Our club plan enables every woman to have new millinery for Easter. Our prices range from \$5.00 to \$35.00, but see those wonderful creations worth \$20 offered specially for Saturday at **\$12.50**

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